

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

for

Wednesday, May 26, 2004
4:00 P.M. – Council Chamber Boardroom
and
5:30 P.M. - Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA

# CASE REVIEW - 4:00 P.M.

#### Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Brewer, Corral, Davidson, Garcia, Gardner, Pearcy (4:34), Quinto, and Ward

Absent: Commissioner Huerta

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### Closed Session - Case Reviews

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:22 p.m. to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

CPRC CASE NO.	IA CASE NO.
03-067	PC-03-255-112
03-071	PC-03-269-064
04-003	PC-04-019-175
04-015	PC-04-061-285

The Commission recessed at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION - 5:30 P.M.**

The following proceedings have been digitally recorded. For copies, please call the CPRC office at (909) 826-5509.

Chairman Gardner led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gardner asked Ms. Sherron to confirm commissioner attendance.

#### Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Brewer, Corral, Garcia, Gardner, Huerta (5:52), Pearcy, Quinto, and Ward

Absent: Commissioner Davidson

## **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Ward moved to approve the minutes for the April regular meeting. Commissioner Quinto seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions.

Commissioner Pearcy moved to approve the minutes for the May 12 case review meeting. Commissioner Corral seconded the motion. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

# **Executive Director's Report & Comments**

Mr. Williams advised the Commission that:

- Outreach active the past few weeks
- Paul Sundeen is the acting Assistant City Manager

#### **Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Pearcy asked if there had been any response to the letter Mr. Williams' sent to Mr. Pat McCarthy, RPOA President, regarding Mr. McCarthy's letter asking for the resignation of Commissioner Corral. Mr. Williams said there had been no response from anyone.

Commissioner Pearcy also expressed concern about problems one of the commissioners was having with RPD officers and asked what was being done about the situation. Mr. Williams said that as he learns about an incident, he advises the Asst. City Manager and the Police Chief. He also said a log is being kept of the incidents. Commissioner Pearcy said he is concerned that if a uniformed individual is brazen enough to do this, we shouldn't wait until it happens to someone else to do something about it.

Chairman Gardner said that the RPOA sent a letter to CPRC demanding the removal of a commissioner. Mr. Williams' response said that removal of a commissioner isn't within the scope of the CPRC - it is the responsibility of the Council. Chairman Gardner said the RPOA is within its rights to petition for the removal of a commissioner; they just petitioned the wrong people.

Commissioner Ward said the situation goes beyond a letter asking for a commissioner's removal. He said that some members of the RPD feel they can treat members of Commission any way they like. He said he would like to see it followed up by getting rid of the harassment and that this is the time to address this issue; the whole commission is targeted.

Commissioner Corral said she's on the Commission to stay unless the Council votes her off. She thanked

everyone for their support.

Chairman Gardner said that the NACOLE conference is being held in Chicago this year and asked that anyone interested in attending needed to let staff know by the end of the week. It would then be referred to Budget committee. Mr. Williams asked that those interested in attending raise their hands; all commissioners did.

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Nanette Pratini expressed concern about concerned the availability of complaint forms at RPD. She said that it is a vital part of the Commission to make complaint forms more available to public.

Mr. Ralph Avila said he was sorry for any problems caused by the RPOA and said they are at the core of the problem.

## Commissioner Training by RPD - Session 1 of 8

- Lt. John De La Rosa and Sgt. Larry Gonzales presented training updates regarding:
  - Level Four Use of Force policy changes and applicable case law
  - Roll call training and the information giving during roll call
  - Current Academy Training in defensive tactics

## **Committee Reports**

- A) Outreach Committee Commissioner Pearcy, Chair
  - Commissioner Pearcy noted that the committee met on May 25. He said that the following outreach opportunities coming up:
  - Riverside Neighborhood Conference on July 10
    - o wants the booth manned from 8 or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Downtown Wednesday Night
    - in exploration stage
  - RPD Roll Call
    - o important for commissioners to frame what the Commission is
- B) Budget Committee Commissioner Brewer, Chair

Commissioner Brewer said that the committee met on May 26. Items discussed were:

- regular meeting date to be the fourth Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m.
- events submitted by the Outreach Committee that may require use of funds
- NACOLE conference attendance and associated costs

## Volne Stokes Officer-Involved Death Case

Chairman Gardner asked Mr. Williams for an update on the tactical analysis. Mr. Williams said that it is almost complete and should be ready to distribute to the commissioners at the June case review meeting. He also said he should have the Guevara draft ready by then.

The Commission adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

PHOEBE SHERRON Sr. Office Specialist